



May 15, 2022

**WELCOME!** *Let us know you are here! Please text "CHECK" to 601-853-1090.* We are excited this morning to be worshipping with you on campus and in your homes. We have many new opportunities for your family to participate in, as well as additional opportunities to serve the church.

To our guests, we welcome you and are glad you have joined us. It is our desire to share with you about Ridgecrest opportunities that promote our vision to **Know God, Serve Others, and Reach Our World.** Please visit our website at [ridgecrest.net](http://ridgecrest.net). We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

**GIVING** We want to live out our vision to **Know God, Serve Others, and Reach Our World** and we want to let you know how much we appreciate your support of the ministry of Ridgecrest. Giving is an act of worship conducted by the Church as overflow of what God has provided us. We encourage you to give online on our church app, or if you prefer, you can text the word "GIVE" to 601-853-1090. For those worshipping on campus, giving stations are available as you exit the building. Thank you for your faithful, continued support!



We are a Prayerful People  
Jeremiah 29:4-7; Ephesians 6:18-20

We are a people who are prayerfully present in our community, with our community, and for our community, so that we can passionately persuade our community to faithfully follow Jesus.

- I. Prayer must be a defining feature of our identity.  
(Jeremiah 29:7)
  - a. Prayer, at its most basic level, is the admission that we are weak and God is strong, that we cannot but God can.
  - b. This prayer prepares us to love our community well.
  - c. This prayer prepares our community to receive the grace of God.
- II. Our prayers must be guided by God's Word.  
(Ephesians 6:18)
  - a. Our communication with God ought to be shaped by the character and concerns of God.
  - b. Gordon Wenham: "The Psalms: they are designed to be prayed."
- III. Our prayers must be outwardly focused.  
(Jeremiah 29:7; Ephesians 6:18-20)
  - a. We must pray for the good of our community.
  - b. We must prayer for one another, so that:
    - i. God might give us the words we need to share Jesus with our community.
    - ii. God might give us the courage to share Jesus with our community.
- IV. Since prayer must be the lifeblood of the people of God, we must pray individually and corporately on a regular basis.
  - a. Therefore, to encourage corporate prayer, we will begin to have a regular Wednesday evening (6-7pm) prayer meeting.
  - b. Therefore, to encourage individual prayer, we will create a weekly prayer guide for you to take home and use as a guide for daily prayer for our community and our church.



Deacons will meet this Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm in Room 105.

## RFU

Our next RFU will be Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00pm in the Worship Center.



Plan to come and be a part of our Block Party! This is an opportunity for us to engage the neighborhoods closest to our campus as well as those who are your closest companions (friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.) We will be having Barbeque Shine provide the food truck for our event. As a convenience for you to invite your friends and neighbors, we have created a card, which serves as an invitation and a free meal voucher for the invitee. We will be giving these out at the end of our Sunday morning gathering. In addition to the food truck, we will have fun water inflatables for the kids, a dunking booth, a cake walk (let us know if you can make a dessert), life group tailgate tents with homemade ice cream, and a petting zoo. Invite someone and join us for a great time of fun, food, and fellowship!



On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> we will have a special morning for our church families! We will have a time of fellowship and then a fun and very interactive morning of worship for the whole family. We will have more information soon, so please invite your family and friends and plan to come for an exciting time of fellowship and worship experience together.

Michael Estes, Senior Pastor

Matt Cloyd, Executive & Discipleship Pastor

Brian Wright, Pastoral Care & Connections Pastor

Greg O'Neal, Worship & Senior Adults Pastor

Tim Blocker, Stewardship Director

Logan Ellzey, Student Pastor

Stacie Albritton, Preschool & Children Ministry Director

Stephen Collier, Media Coordinator

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